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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 22-137, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CONSTABLES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 22-137, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 22-137. Constable ethics standards and training board; powers
5 and duties; constable training
6 A. The constable ethics standards and training board shall:
7 1. Adopt rules for the administration and conduct of the board,
8 including meeting times, meeting places and matters to be placed on the
9 agenda of each meeting, and for the distribution of monies in the constable
10 ethics standards and training fund pursuant to section 22-138.
11 2. Adopt a code of conduct for constables and adopt rules to enforce
12 the code of conduct.
13 3. Establish procedures for conducting confidential investigations and
14 holding hearings.
15 4. Hear and investigate written complaints from any person involving a
16 constable's ethical conduct.
17 5. Remedy a constable's inappropriate behavior by:
18 (a) Mediating.
19 (b) Issuing warnings, reprimands or admonishments.
20 (c) Instructing constables to take a particular action or to take
21 educational classes.
22 (d) Urging a constable to retire from office.
23 B. The board may:
24 1. Employ an executive director and other staff necessary to fulfill
25 the powers and duties of the board.
26 2. Enter into contracts and interagency agreements to carry out its
27 powers and duties.
28 3. Certify organizations to provide training and support programs for
29 constables.
30 4. Provide support grants to constables for local or statewide
31 training programs.
32 5. Take and hear evidence, administer oaths and affirmations and
33 compel by subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of books,
34 papers, records, documents and other information relating to any
35 investigation or hearing.
36 C. If the board is not satisfied with the remedies prescribed in
37 subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section, the board shall submit a report to
38 the county attorney's office in the county in which the conduct at issue
39 occurred.
40 D. The Arizona peace officer standards and training board shall
41 approve a mandatory basic training course for newly elected constables
42 covering topics including civil and criminal process, conflict resolution and
43 firearm safety. Constables must attend the mandatory training course within
44 six months after election. In subsequent years, constables must annually
45 attend at least ~~eight~~ SIXTEEN hours of additional training approved by the

1 Arizona peace officer standards and training board. Copies of certificates
2 of completion of the constable training shall be forwarded to the constable
3 ethics standards and training board within thirty days after completion.
4 E. This section does not create a cause of action or a right to bring
5 an action against the board.